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## Thermal Barrier Coating Systems and Materials

A ceramic material has particular utility as a thermal insulating or thermal barrier coating on metallic substrates. The ceramic material includes gadolinia and hafnia, preferably forming gadolinia-hafnia. This material exhibits chemical stability, thermal stability and thermal insulating properties superior to those of currently used thermal barrier ceramics, and also provides resistance to sintering and erosion comparable to currently used ceramics. A preferred material has between about 3 - 70 mol. % hafnia, balance hafnia.